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Inventors: Joseph R. Byrum et al.
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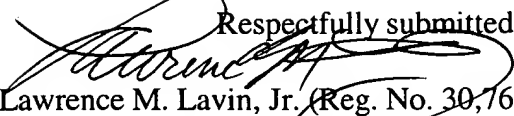
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1. Appellant's Brief (in triplicate);
2. Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (in duplicate);
3. Certificate of mailing for appellant's brief;
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2. (1) Return receipt-postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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